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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY PRIMIN ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL

1. IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MARCH 19 PRESS CITED PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL AS SAYING THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL HAD BEEN PASSED BY HOUSE WITH \$165 MILLION EARMARKED FOR KOREA. PRESS REPORTED THAT KIM'S REMARKS WERE MADE DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS MARCH 18. ACCORDING PRESS STORIES, KIM SAID THAT AMOUNT FOR KOREA INCLUDED "WITHOUT CONDITIONS" THE \$20 MILLION WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN WITHHELD.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM KIM YONG-SAM AND OTHER NDP ASSEMBLYMEN, WE HAVE REPLIED THAT CONDITIONS OF FRASER AMENDMENT STILL APPLY AND \$20 MILLION THEREFORE CONTINUES TO BE WITHHELD.

3. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPT OF KIM'S ACTUAL STATEMENT IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. IN MEANTIME, CHARGE WILL RAISE QUESTION WITH PRIME MINISTER DURING CODEL FRASER CALL APRIL 2.

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